

**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:**

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 3 and 8. These sheets, which include Figures 3 and 8 replace the original sheets including these Figures. In Figures 3 and 8, the label "N501i" has been changed to --N502i--. Also in Figure 3, the label "D502i" has been changed to --D501i--.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet(s)

Annotated Sheets Showing Changes

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested. Currently, claims 1-13 are pending in this application.

**Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103:**

Claims 1-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being unpatentable over Thro et al (U.S. '977, hereinafter "Thro") in view of Huna (U.S. '217). Applicant traverses this rejection.

In order to establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness, all of the claim limitations must be taught or suggested by the prior art. The combination of Thro and Huna fails to teach or suggest all of the claim limitations. For example, the combination of Thro and Huna fails to teach or suggest an electric mail sending apparatus comprising an accepting device for accepting a receiver's terminal model name that is input by a user, a reader for reading a display form defined based on the receiver's terminal model name from an attribute table, and a display for displaying an electric mail text based on the read display form, as required by independent claim 10. Independent claim 1 and its dependents require similar limitations.

Page 3, lines 3-5 of the Office Action apparently alleges that the claimed accepting device is disclosed by col. 5, lines 2-11 of Thro. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Col. 4, line 66 to col. 5, line 11 (including col. 5, lines 2-11 identified in the Office Action) of Thro discloses the following:

"As shown for illustration purposes, the receiving party has an e-mail account, a facsimile machine, a pager, and a cellular telephone. For notices of messages, or message contents, that are to be sent to the e-mail account, the illustration shows that the user has selected that the notice of message, or the message content, should only be displayed in text format. As one of average skill in the art will readily appreciate, the user just as easily could have selected that

incoming messages or notice of messages be displayed in other computer formats, such as a spreadsheet, word processing document, an image document, or an HTML (HyperText Markup Language) document (emphasis added).”

It is explicitly clear that the above portion of Thro relates to a receiving party, not an email sending apparatus as explicitly required by independent claims 1 and 10. Moreover, there is no teaching or suggestion in the above portion of Thro of an accepting device of an electric mail sending apparatus for accepting a receiver’s terminal model name that is input by a user of the electronic mail sending apparatus.

Page 3, lines 6-9 of the Office Action apparently alleges that col. 5, lines 3-25 of Thro discloses the claimed reader. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Col. 5, lines 3-25 of Thro states the following:

“For notices of messages, or message contents, that are to be sent to the e-mail account, the illustration shows that the user has selected that the notice of message, or the message content, should only be displayed in text format. As one of average skill in the art will readily appreciate, the user just as easily could have selected that incoming messages or notice of messages be displayed in other computer formats, such as a spreadsheet, word processing document, an image document, or an HTML (HyperText Markup Language) document.

As further illustrated, the receiving user has selected that notice of messages, or messages, sent to the facsimile machine are to be displayed in a standard facsimile format. For notice of messages, and messages, that are to be sent to the pager, the receiving user has selected a numeric display for messages that have an originator priority below a ‘priority level’ (see table 76 for a ranking of originator priority levels). The user has further selected that notice of messages for messages having an originator priority above the priority level should be displayed as message summaries (e.g. alpha-numeric display, graphic display, short messaging display, etc.). The receiving user has selected that for notice of messages, and messages, that are to be sent to the user’s cellular telephone, these are to be displayed as a page, or voice (emphasis added).”

The above portion of Thro discloses actions of the receiving user. The above portion of Thro has nothing at all to do with the claimed reader of an electric mail sending apparatus. Moreover, there is no teaching or suggestion in this portion of Thro of reading a display form defined based on a receiver's terminal model name input by a user of the electric mail sending apparatus.

Page 3, lines 10-12 of the Office Action apparently alleges that col. 4, line 65 - col. 5, line 25 of Thro discloses the claimed display. However, as discussed above, any display that is discussed in this portion of Thro relates to a display of the receiving user, not of an electric mail sending apparatus.

Thro discloses a message processing method between an originating party 50, a server 52 and a receiving party 54. The message processing begins when the originating party 50 transmits a message 56 to the server 52. The transmitted message includes the identity of the originating party, the requested originator priority, identity of the receiving party, and message content. (See col. 4, lines 40-46). There is no teaching or suggestion of the originating party 50 having the claimed accepting device, reader or display. The Office Action's reliance on portions of Thro discussing the receiving party 54 (rather than the originating party 50) is misplaced. Huna fails to remedy these deficiencies of Thro.

Independent claims 4, 7, 11, 12 and 13 require, *inter alia*, accepting an electric mail text composed or edited by a user, accepting a receiver's terminal model name selected by that user, and reading a display form defined by the receiver's terminal model name from an attribute table. As discussed above, col. 4, line 65 to col. 5, line 25 of Thro describes actions relating to the receiving party of a message, not to a party (i.e., user) who composes or edits an email text. Moreover, the above portions of Thro focus on a message after the message has been sent from

the originating party 50 to the receiving party 54. In marked contrast, claim 11 (and similarly claims 12 and 13) define claim limitations occurring before the electric mail text is sent (“sending the electric mail text from the sender’s terminal to the receiver’s terminal after displaying the electric mail text on the display portion of the sender’s terminal.”).

Accordingly, Applicant submits that claims 1-13 are not “obvious” under 35 U.S.C. §103 over Thro and Huna, and respectfully requests that the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. §103 be withdrawn.

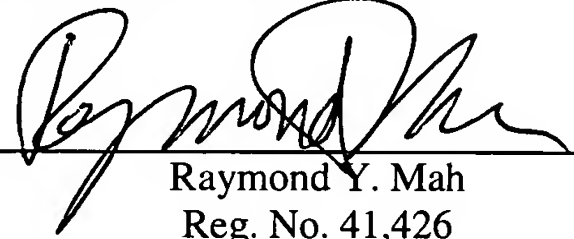
**Conclusion:**

Applicant believes that this entire application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests a Notice to this effect. If the Examiner has any questions or believes that an interview would further prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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FIG.3

ATTRIBUTE	MODEL NAME	RECEIVABLE NUMBER OF TEXT CHARACTERS	NUMBER OF CHARACTERS PER LINE	NUMBER OF LINES PER SCREEN
i MODE	P502i	250	8	8
i MODE	F502i	250	8	7
i MODE	<sup>1</sup> D50Xi	250	8	7
i MODE	<sup>2</sup> N50Xi	250	10	10
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FIG.8

To:	SKY MAIL
Cc:	iMODE
Bcc:	PDA
Subject:	

iMODE (N50xi)<sup>2</sup><sub>23</sub>

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